

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 (presented February 22)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. All council members are present. Minutes of January 25, 2012 meeting were presented. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Mike Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Dan Theobald from Shelby County Economic Development Council gave a presentation on why Morristown should continue to be a member of the SCEDC. After discussion among council members, Council Member Mike Freeman made a motion to continue membership in the SCEDC for a cost of \$3,500.00 per year. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

Municipal Building Upgrade:

Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts, reported that there are several quotes for the replacement of windows, columns, and doors. He suggested that a special meeting to go over the quotes should be held.. Council Member Mike Freeman made a motion to have a special session on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7 P.M. in the Morristown Municipal Building at 418 W. Main St to go over the quotes. Council Member Benefiel seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

Quotes were received from the following contractors, Cord Brothers, American Contractor, Don Farquer & Associates, Jeremy Witten, Robert Marshal, Inc. and White Oak.

III. CLERK-TREASURER:

A request from Sisters Sanitation to dump waste from portable restrooms into the Morristown Wastewater Collection System was made. This is an annual request from Sisters Sanitation. Council Member Henderson made a motion to send a letter that grants Sisters Sanitation permission to continue dumping waste from the portable restrooms into the Morristown Wastewater Collection System. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts, requested a change in policy of not charging for water and solid waste pickup if the house is vacant or if residents go on vacation for a few months. After discussion by council members, Jennifer Messer, legal council, stated we should have an ordinance to that effect. Council member Henderson made a motion to have the Ordinance written. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

The Clerk-Treasurer stated we have a building that has a master meter and a second meter inside for a renter. In the past we have been subtracting the usage from renters meter to get the reading for the master meter. In the past months this has not happened and the question is do we adjust. After discussion Council Member Freeman made a motion to only read the master meter and let the building owner bill the renter. Council Member Benefiel seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

It was reported that a large industrial user failed to pay their utility bill on time do to a change in their accounting system and would like to have the penalty removed from their bill. After discussion Council Member Henderson made a motion to grant a one-time penalty adjustment. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

The Clerk-Treasurer asked if there would be any changes to personal and vacation time off for 2012. Council Member Freeman made a motion to keep personal and vacation time off the same as 2011. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

The Clerk-Treasurer inquired about a minimum amount of overtime for week-end call in. Council Member Henderson made a motion to pay a minimum amount of 3 hours for week end call in. Council Member Freeman seconded. 3 yeas 0 no's

III. LEGAL COUNCIL:

Legal Council Messer presented Ordinance 2-2012 (AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, INDIANA, CONCERNING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF CANNABINOIDS) after considerable discussion Council Member Freeman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2-2012 as presented. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yea's 0 no's

Legal Council Messer presented Ordinance 3-2012 (AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, INDIANA, CONCERNING UNSAFE STRUCTURES) after discussion Council Member Freeman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3-2012 as presented. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yea's 0 no's

Legal Council Messer stated she had talked with Mary Atkins concerning Wessler's bills and would be happy to come to a meeting and explain the charges.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Purvis asked to rent Dodds Hall on February 13, 2012. Council members approved this.

V. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Marshall Henry Albrecht inquired about sending Deputy Marshall Brad Trittipo to photography school. Council Member Freeman made a motion to approve the request. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yea's 0 no's

Deputy Marshall Brad Trittipo inquired about hosting an Active Trauma Management Class on March 17, 2012. After discussion Council Members decided to not do this class.

Marshall Albrecht will be teaching a DARE class at Waldron for 4 half days.

VI: WATER, WASTEWATER AND STREETS:

Caleb Osborne is working with CGS to reduce amount of testing between CGS and Morristown. Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yea's 0 no's

VII: OTHER:

Faith Baptist Church wants to improve drainage around the church and would like to run water into the storm drain. Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve and have them work with Caleb Osborne on the route. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yea's 0 no's

Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yea's 0 no's

David Benefiel, President

Donald L. Roberts, Clerk-Treasurer